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SUBJECT: H1N1 Update: Infection Rate Continues to Fall

REF A: Berlin 1576 and previous

[1](#)1. (U) SUMMARY: From December 5-December 11, the number of confirmed H1N1 infections in Germany rose by 6,800 to a total of 203,713 cases. The number of H1N1 deaths in Germany increased to 119. END SUMMARY

[1](#)2. (U) The Influenza Working Group of the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) reported on December 16 a total of 6,800 new laboratory H1N1 cases in Germany from December 5 to December 11, increasing the total number of H1N1 cases to 203,713. The rate of new infections continues to decline. Bavaria remains the German state with the highest number of confirmed H1N1 cases, with a total of 41,068 - accounting for 20 percent of all virus infections in Germany - followed by Nord Rhine-Westphalia (37,278) and Baden-Wuerttemberg (30,756).

[1](#)3. (U) As of December 16, RKI confirmed the deaths of a total of 119 patients due to H1N1. In 83 percent of the deaths, patients were younger than 60 years of age. In the majority of cases, the patients had underlying health conditions and were considered to be "risk patients."

[1](#)4. (U) According to information from the Paul-Ehrlich-Institute, 25 patients died between October 26 and December 3, shortly after receiving the H1N1 vaccine Pandemrix. In 12 of the cases, an autopsy showed that underlying health conditions, not the vaccine, caused the death. In seven of the cases, the patients had underlying health conditions. Cause of death for the remaining 6 cases has not yet been announced.

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